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1. That for wildlife conservation the establishment of closed seasons is not enough.
2. That establishment of protection or refuge zones technically adequate for each species, in accordance with its cycle of reproduction, is necessary.
3. That basic prophylactic sanitary and veterinary measures be taken, such as quarantines, destruction of carasses and cleaning up of foci, in co-operation with the Bureau of Livestock.
4. That an efficient campaign against animals destructive of fauna and livestock be instituted by means of such stimulus as the purchase of coyote, wolf, puma and snake skins.
5. That protection of migratory birds be enhanced by establishing rest periods at the times they arrive in the country, varying according to the species and completely prohibiting hunting of same during such periods.

At 12:30 the meeting adjourned until 2:00 P. M.

FOURTH SESSION

Friday Afternoon

REPORT OF TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE

The joint Committee on Time and Place for the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners and the American Fisheries Society recommended that the 1938 meetings be held in Asheville, North Carolina, the week of June 20.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

It was moved that the report of the Secretary-Treasurer be accepted. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The following resolutions were read for consideration:

Whereas the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled received word of the passing of our beloved President; and

Whereas this organization, its individual members and the cause of conservation have, through the passing of Charles F. Thompson, lost one of the dearest friends they ever had; and,

Whereas Charles F. Thompson was a gentleman and man of the highest character and ability,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at Mexico City, D. F., that we express our deepest sympathy and respects to his bereaved family; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy forwarded to his family.

Whereas a considerable amount of timely and much needed aid to game and fish conservation programs in the various states has been derived from the work and efforts of the Civilian Conservation Corps under the auspices of the United States Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture and the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior; and

Whereas it is and has been an announced policy of the two Services above mentioned to approve projects tending to improve wildlife conditions; and

Whereas many projects of such nature are listed among projects permissible under published regulations; and

Whereas many worthy and much needed projects of sound benefit to wildlife have been submitted and not approved, in apparent contradiction of published policies and regulations,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, protest against certain inconsistencies between policy and procedure and do hereby recommend and urge an investigation of the matter by a competent and impartial committee to the end that procedure shall match policy; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief of the Civilian Conservation Corps be requested to appoint such a committee to the end that the value of the work of this organization may be made more beneficial to fish and game conservation.

Whereas neither the United States Bureau of Fisheries nor the various states have available sufficient funds to keep the sport-fishing resources of the United States up to the standard demanded by the ever-increasing numbers of anglers who, with more leisure time and modern transportation facilities, are able to fish oftener than formerly; and

Whereas approximately \$400,000 in excise taxes on fishing tackle are collected annually from fishermen;

Therefore, be it resolved that this organization favors legislation which would provide Federal aid through the United States Bureau of Fisheries to the states for development and maintenance of fishing resources by devoting the tax on fishing tackle to cooperative fisheries projects, such legislation to give the states legal recognition in the selection of projects and in setting up standards to which such projects shall conform.

Whereas the Game Department of Mexico has asked for our reaction to a proposal that the Game Department of Mexico refuse permits for the exportation of quail from Mexico to the United States unless the applicant has first obtained a permit from the game department of the specific state to which the quail are to be sent; and

Whereas it is our belief that such a proposal is sound conservation in that birds would not then be planted where they would fail and the importation thus become waste of the resource; and

Whereas we believe that this proposal is a generous international gesture on behalf of wildlife,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urge the Game Department of the United States of Mexico to adopt their suggested regulation on quail and all other game species.

Whereas many conferences on conservation matters are being called from time to time; and

Whereas there is a limit to the number of conferences which a conservation official can attend each year; and

Whereas the Chief of the United States Bureau of Biological Survey and the United States Commissioner of Fisheries have each proposed an annual conference of fish and game officials to confer with them on national problems of immediate concern to their respective Bureaus,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Chief of the United States Bureau of Biological Survey and the United States Commissioner of Fisheries be and they are hereby requested to call their conferences to meet at the time and place of the annual meeting of the international Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners.

Whereas the Thirty-First Annual Conference of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners has met in the capital city of the United States of Mexico; and

Whereas this is the first conference held within the boundaries of this republic; and

Whereas the officials of the nation and city and the people of Mexico have been most kind and cooperative,